

SALEM RECREATION COMMISSION

SALEM, CONNECTICUT

MEETING MINUTES

June 21, 2010

Present

Pam Henry Jim Burke
Bob Appleby Rich Cirillo
Al Giansanti Peter Lee
Kim Bingham
Sue Spang/Chairperson
Diane Weston/Recording Secretary

Absent

Joe Dalton

Call to order:

Chairperson Sue Spang called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

1. Minutes:

Correction to 3. Public Comment/Guests/Correspondence
First sentence should read "Guest Ron Baker approached the commission; he is working on his Master Gardener and needs to complete 30 **hours** of community service."

M/S/C (Appleby/Lee) to approve the May minutes as amended. Vote: unanimous

2. Treasurer's Report:

S. Spang presented the Treasury Report.

M/S/C (Cirillo/Appleby) to accept the Treasury Report as presented. Vote: unanimous

3. Public Comment/Guests/Correspondence:

Don Bourdeau Report:

A pallet of white paint has been ordered for the soccer fields.

"No Soft Toss" signs are being made for all baseball fields.

The lighting at the tennis courts are being worked on; they were wired incorrectly. Due to the problem, M& M has given the Recreation Commission ball retriever baskets and squeegees for the courts.

The materials needed for the tennis backstop are being ordered, what color is it to be painted?

More garbage cans are needed in the area of the tennis courts. B. Appleby will stop at Sheffield Tube in New London to see if they have any blue cans available.

The parking lot for the multipurpose path now has a sign and split rail fence.

Donna Leake told Don B. that the gate to the path at the school will be unlocked. Don B. will research getting self closing locks for the gate.

The Gadbois field has been mowed.

Discussion took place about a stairway from the Town Hall to the major league parking lot. It was thought that if there were signs and split rail fences added to the landscaping it would help direct people to use the stairs instead of the roadway.

Benches from the soccer field will be moved to the tennis courts for use.

P. Henry noted there are cracks/lumps on the tennis courts on the south end of the courts facing the parking lot.

The RC Propbusters will have their Memorial Fly In on June 26 & 27. It is open to the public, hotdogs and hamburgers will be available.

The master gardener project around the flag pole has been completed, as well as the gardens by the major league parking lot.

4. Additions and Revisions:

None

5. New Business:

a. Budget

Discussion took place concerning needed purchases.

Replacement basketball hoops and backboards; safety buffer for around the tops of the fences at the baseball fields, picnic tables, materials for electrical service on Forsyth Rd. and materials for the dugouts were discussed.

The storage box for the dugouts will open towards the batter's box to have better access to the fields. A.Giansanti will try to get volunteers to build. Pricing for materials will be done by UBS.

S. Spang asked for funding to purchase 2 picnic tables to be placed at the beginning of the Multi- purpose path on Music Vale Rd.

M/S/C: (Appleby/Bingham) to approve funding for up to \$1,600.00 towards the purchase of 2 picnic tables for use at the Multi-purpose path. Vote: unanimous.

M/S/C: (Giansanti/Henry) to approve funding up to \$1,000.00 towards the purchase of 2 basketball hoop assemblies (rims and backboards). Vote: unanimous.

M/S/C: (Cirillo/Lee) to approve funding up to \$600.00 for panels, circuit breakers, electrical supplies to be used for installation of electric service on Forsyth Road Complex. Vote: unanimous.

b. **Disc Golf** – postponed until next month.

c. **Memorial Day -**

Parade went well. Thanks were given to A.Giansanti for his help judging the bike decorating contest.

d. **Volley Ball**

The systems will be delivered to the school.

e. **Tennis** – See Don Bourdeau report. R. Cirillo mentioned Adult Tennis Group, ages 25 and older, will start the first week in July through August on Wednesday and Sunday evenings, 6 to 8:00pm. S. Spang will order a sign to be posted for use of the court.

f. **Mission Statement -**

Discussion took place concerning what should be mentioned in the Mission Statement. J. Burke presented what he felt the Mission Statement should read. Statements from other towns were reviewed.

K. Bingham made a motion to take J. Burke's statement and add the town of Waterford's to it to make Salem Recreation's Mission Statement. The motion failed due to lack of a second. The Commission members, working together, comprised the following Mission Statement:

"The Salem Recreation Commission supports programs for a variety of ages and interests. Our mission is to promote health, well being, fitness and good sportsmanship through organized sports and open recreational activities. The Commission is devoted to the development and maintenance of town owned recreational sites and facilities."

g. **Recreation Clerk Report** – Updates for upcoming programs were given.

6. Old Business:

- a. **Baseball** – The Carl Ripken tournament will be this weekend. "War at the Shore" will have Babe Ruth field use for July 4th weekend.
A. Giansanti asked if home base could be worked on. It has sunk about 1 ½". The pitching mound needs to be 50'.
P. Lee reported girl's softball went 14-2 for their season.
- b. **Soccer**- B. Appleby reported everything is fine.
- c. **Basketball** – No report at this time.
- d. **Multi Purpose Path** – See Don Bourdeau Report.

7. Other Business

Discussion took place concerning the port-o-potty at the Salem School and if it was still needed. It was the consensus of the Commission to keep it there for resident use.

Don Bourdeau will research an air conditioner unit for the Center School on the Salem Town Green.

In September the BOF is asking for items for the 10 year Capital Plan.
Recreation will submit parking lot for Forsyth Rd., pavilion for the Gadbois property, infield of the Babe Ruth field, and infield of the Major League field.
S. Spang asked members what else might be put on there and to report back to her.

Discussion of the location of the concession stand was discussed.

8. Adjournment:

M/S/C (Bingham/Henry) to adjourn meeting at 9:40pm. Vote: Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted

Diane Weston

Recording Secretary